Allocation from CRF to Gujarat

1308. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the funds allocated to Gujarat from the Central Road Fund (CRF) during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the details of the works undertaken and accomplished in the State during the said period;

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B.C. KHANDURI: (a) Funds allocated to Gujarat from Central Road Fund (CRF) during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-20001 were Rs. 613.91 lakhs, Rs. 304.99 lakhs and Rs. 7008.00 lakhs respectively.

(b) 79 nos. of works were undertaken at a cost of Rs. 5500.91 lakhs out of which 10 no. of works amounting to Rs. 947.09 lakhs have been completed.

Rehabilitation of viable SSI units in Gujarat

1309. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the number of functioning SSI units and those stand closed in Gujarat at the end of December, 2001, district-wise;

(b) whether Government have identified viable SSI units of the State;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what action Government have taken for rehabilitation of such viable SSI units in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) The information on the functioning and closed SSI units is not maintained centrally. However, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) compiles data on sick SSIs financed by scheduled commerical banks. As per RBI, the number of sick SSI units by the end of March, 2001 in the State of Gujarat was 5408, out of which 41 units were identified as potentially viable.

(d) The Government is fully seized of the incidence of industrial sickness among SSI units and has taken various measures to facilitate timely identification and rehabilitation of potentially viable sick units, which *inter-alia* include institutional mechanism in the form of State-level Inter-Institutional Committees (SLIICs), Special Rehabilitation Cells in banks and State Financial Institutions, and elaborate guidelines issued by the RBI for extending rehabilitation assistance to eligible units. Based on the recommendations of the Working Group constituted under the Chairmanship of Shri S.S. Kohli, the then Chairman of Indian Banks' Association, the RBI has drawn up revised guidelines for rehabilitation of sick SSI units, which include *inter-alia* change in the definition of sick SSI units, norms for deciding on their viability, etc. The RBI has circulated the revised guidelines on 16th January, 2002 to all the banks for implementation.

SSI in Assam

1310. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the potentialities of Small Scale Industries in Assam;

(b) whether Government have studied about it;

(c) what new possibilities are there to expand 'Muga' and 'Gudia' small scale silk industries in the State; and

(d) whether Government are thinking of creating new avenues and infrastructure to develop these industries there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) and (b) As per potentiality survey conducted by Small Industries Service Institute, Guwahati, the State has potential for small scale industries units in Horticulture industries, plywood, multi-fibre density based wooden products, silk textiles, hosiery and readymade garments, steel fabrication, auto and bicycle components etc.

(c) and (d) Non-mulberry silk Muga and Eridi (gudia) have enough potentialities for growth in view of preference shown by certain customers both in India and abroad. For their development,